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## Bedford Eight bailed again

The eight suspects that were arrested by officers involved with Operation Ongar, which was relaunched last year to track down the killer of Andrew Bedford, have been re-bailed while awaiting trial.

Seven suspects were arrested on suspicion of crimes relating to assisting or covering up the murder, while a further 56 year old man from Southampton was detained and questioned in connection with the killing. Andrew Bedford went missing on September 28, 1990, in the Factory Bank area just off the Great Whyte. Investigators later suspected he was killed with a shotgun later that same evening, at a garage called Mongrel Cars which is no longer in business.

The first breakthrough came in June last year, when a thirteen-day search of land by Stocking Fen Road revealed pieces of bone. This additional information caused the case to be re-opened later that year, with officers deployed to the streets of Ramsey in September in order to increase awareness and seek further information.

The police are still gathering intelligence regarding this case. Anyone with information should contact the major crime unit on 01480 422791, email operation.ongar@cambs.pnn.police.uk or call crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



## ABBNEY COLLEGE IMPROVES ACCORDING TO OFSTED REPORT

A recent report has rated Abbey College as "good" in four out of five criteria. Ofsted has concluded that the school, which officially became an academy in 2011, is "a school which requires improvement", but praised both the actions and ambitions of the senior leadership team.

Pupils were said to have made strong progress in English, history, geography and mathematics, but were not as well versed

in the sciences due to "inconsistencies in the quality of teaching", with the report suggesting that improvements should be made.

Headteacher Andy Christoforou stood by plans for the school's future, stating "I am confident that the school will achieve the Good overall rating it deserves".

For more on this story, [turn to page 4](#)

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# The Local Picture

**"Whatever the residents need us to deliver we will deliver. Obviously, speed-calming is still very important, drugs are a problem and maintenance of the trees. You name it, we'll make sure it happens".**



Cllr Lisa Duffy, speaking after retaining her seat as District Councillor for the Ramsey ward.

Read more on page 11

**8** Instances of vandalism or vehicular crime reported by Warboys residents in a single night last month.



Ramsey Ravens Archery Club celebrated their second anniversary earlier last month, and will be joining the Archery GB's Big Weekend on June 4th

Flight time logged between Ramsey resident Keith Wilson and ferry pilot Ed Oleksy flying across the Atlantic Ocean in a single engine Pilatus PC-9

To find out more, turn to Page 6

### Adella Costello

has been unanimously returned by the Town Council as Mayor of Ramsey for a second term, with former Huntingdon Town Councillor Doug McIlwain taking the post of Deputy Mayor for the coming year.



**21.5**

## NEW IN THIS MONTH

Check out our brand new 'Opinion' section which starts on page 22

A crew and water carrier from Ramsey were called to a large rubbish fire on the former RAF Base in Upwood



# NEWS FROM THE REPORTER BLOG

<https://rwrstories.wordpress.com> - Did you miss it?

Biggest news on the companion blog this month was the special election live blog, which attracted over 150 followers and plenty of viewing. Thanks to all who were eagerly pressing the refresh button through Friday morning and into the afternoon!

However, by far the biggest story this month was the Warboys crime spree that occurred between April 29th and May 1st, with several vehicles broken into and damage to key public facilities such as the Library.

Public appetite for the story was more than anyone here expected, with over 3,500 views within three days. If you missed this story or have been following its progress, check on page six for a full rundown and an update on the police investigation.

As for this month, the easiest way to keep up with breaking news and special updates is to follow us on facebook at

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## ITS A GOOD MONTH FOR

## LOCAL CHARITY

Ramsey Hospital Charity Shop donated over £16,000 to charity this month. Details on page 8

## ITS A BAD MONTH FOR

## ROADWORKS

Traffic lights plague Ramsey Town Centre for a third consecutive month.



## THE NATIONAL VIEW WHAT WILL AFFECT YOU THIS MONTH?

### BBC White Paper

The BBC is set to lose services such as Radio One's Newsbeat and their online recipe database as a new white paper targets core programming over such ventures

### The Queens Speech

Neighbourhood planning, prison reforms and a Local Growth and Jobs Bill were all announced in the Queens Speech, which nominally suggests the governmental agenda for the coming year

### Devolution downfall?

Having taken into account hefty protests by local councillors and MP's, the government may yet split the 'Eastern Powerhouse', twinning Cambridgeshire with Peterborough.

### An Open Letter following the recent local elections

I would just like to say thank you to everyone in our village that helped me secure a place on the Parish Council. I am proud of our village, and know that you are too, and as always, if I can help in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you again

Joan Cole

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Re-elected to Warboys Parish Council



## Open fire to blame for resident's death

Fire officers are warning homeowners with open fires to take simple safety steps following the death of a Cambridgeshire pensioner.

A fire started in the home of Berenice Setchell after the 83-year-old left clothing and a wicker stool too close to an unguarded open fire, causing a fire to start. On April 28, at the inquest of Mrs Setchell, of Star Lane, Ramsey, the coroner highlighted the victim died of smoke inhalation and concluded her death on January 19, 2016, was accidental. Fire investigator, Station Commander Karl Bowden explained the fire started by radiated heat or an ember igniting nearby clothing or wicker stool, which quickly spread to furniture in the room. SC Bowden said: "This was a tragic death of an elderly lady who was a creature of habit; she had been lighting open fires in her house for many years and never had a problem.

However, on this cold day an accident did happen that sadly resulted in her losing her life. "If you have an open fire burning any type of material, always make sure a fireguard is in place and most importantly, never dry clothing close to the fire. It is imperative to also avoid storing combustible materials like piles of wood, buckets of coal or newspapers close to a fire."

The fire was intense, spread rapidly and was mainly contained to the living room in which



Tributes left outside the home of 83 year old Berenice Setchell

it originated. Half of the room was totally destroyed by the fire, which was intensified owing to flammable older furniture in the room, including two chairs. SC Bowden added: "Although this property has a working smoke alarm on the first floor, we recommend residents fit one on each floor of their property and test them regularly. "We think Mrs Setchell left the room and possibly went outside, heard the alarm or smelt smoke and then went back inside to investigate. It takes just three breaths of toxic smoke to render someone unconscious, so it is important to remember if you ever suspect a fire in your home that you get out, stay out and dial 999 immediately."

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service works with partner agencies to identify vulnerable or elderly residents who could be at greater risk of fire. It is asking residents to help by becoming the eyes and ears of the community. If you know someone who is vulnerable or who you think could benefit from a free visit from the fire service, call 0800 917 9999 or apply for a home fire safety check online through their partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council

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## ABBEY COLLEGE IMPROVES IN LATEST OFSTED REPORT

Changes made by the new leadership team and members of staff at Abbey College, Ramsey have led to 'raised expectations' and improvements across the school according to the latest Ofsted report.

The report, published last month, highlighted that 'leaders have prioritised the right areas for improvement' and that improvements in the quality of teaching 'have been successful'.

The inspectors also commented that the achievement of pupils 'indicates that the actions taken by senior leaders to improve pupils' outcomes are having a positive impact.' This was demonstrated by the number of pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate in 2015 being 'well above the national average'.

The school was judged as 'Good' in four out of the five inspected areas of the school including: effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, outcomes for pupils, and 16-19 study programmes. The personal development, behaviour and welfare of pupils category was judged to 'require improvement'. Due to the new Ofsted grading framework schools cannot be judged as 'Good' overall if one or more areas are regarded as 'Requiring Improvement'. Therefore, the overall effectiveness was judged as 'Requiring Improvement'.

Numerous improvements were highlighted, including recent A-level results, with the report indicating that "in 2015, the school achieved its highest set of A-level results as the number of learners gaining the higher A and B grades improved considerably. Assessment information for learners in Year 13 suggests that results will continue to improve."

However, negative comments from both pupils and parents were noted within the report, which at one point stated that "around a third of pupils that inspectors spoke with would not recommend their school". With regards to a questionnaire circulated to parents with children attending the school, the report notes that "around half of parents who responded to Ofsted's online questionnaire expressed concern about the school and would not recommend it to other parents. Many also contributed their views in writing. The bulk of the concerns were

associated with the revised behaviour code; many parents feel that it is too strict and that their children are receiving punishments such as detentions for trivial matters. A considerable proportion of pupils who spoke to inspectors echoed these views". However, with regards to the new behavior code, the report concluded that a study conducted by the school itself showed "a much more positive and supportive response from a much larger proportion of parents".

Andy Christoforou, Headteacher of Abbey College, said: "We are very pleased to see that the steps we have taken have had a positive impact on standards of teaching, learning and achievement. We can now be confident that all pupils receive a high quality education and have good opportunities to achieve their very best results at Abbey College."

"Of course, work remains to be done to deliver our 2020 vision and we will continue to work until all areas of the school are judged as 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. But we are pleased and encouraged that the changes are having such a positive an impact in just 18 months since the new leadership team took charge of the school and put us on a good path for the future."

The full report can be found on the Abbey College's website.

[www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk)

### Abbey College Report Card

Effectiveness of leadership and management: Good

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment: Good

Personal development, behaviour and welfare: Requires improvement

Outcomes for pupils: Good

16 to 19 study programmes Good

Overall effectiveness: Requires Improvement

Overall effectiveness at previous inspection: Requires improvement

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| WHITE WHALE SPECIAL   | 8.90 |       |
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| DONER MEAT & CHIPS  | 4.00 | 5.00  |
| KEBAB ROLL  | 3.30 |       |
| SALAD IN PITTA BREAD  | 2.50 |       |
| CHIPS IN PITTA BREAD  | 2.30 |       |
| KEBAB WRAP  | 4.00 |       |
| TRAY OF DONER MEAT  | 3.00 | 4.00  |



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| 2 CHICKEN pieces  | 2.80 | 4.00       |
| 3 CHICKEN pieces  | 3.90 | 5.30       |
| 4 CHICKEN pieces  | 5.20 | 6.50       |
| 6 CHICKEN NUGGETS | 2.30 | 3.80       |
| 9 CHICKEN NUGGETS | 3.30 | 4.80       |



## SPICY CHICKEN WINGS

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| 4 SPICY WINGS  | 1.50 |
| 6 SPICY WINGS  | 2.40 |
| 10 SPICY WINGS | 3.70 |
| 15 SPICY WINGS | 5.00 |

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# MAD CAT HOSTS ANNIVERSARY BEER FEST

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Moving into Saturday there will be something for the whole family. Naturally, live music from local bands will be playing throughout the day, while the kids can enjoy bouncy castles and facepainting. Food will be coming from an on-site BBQ, where you can see your sausages sizzle as you enjoy your brew. This all wraps up at 11:00, before continuing on the Sunday with fan favourites The Baker-Benson Big Band. A group of music lovers from all over the country, this lively ensemble has only one goal, and that is to get you up on your feet and dancing away.

The Mad Cat, which attracts thousands of visitors every year, has been recommended by the Campaign for Real Ale, which said that "Food menus with locally sourced ingredients and a range of local real ales on rotation that quickly began to achieve recognition by local beer enthusiasts for their consistent high quality on dispense. This is one big reason why the pub is thriving."

Also new this year is 'Little Tykes Corner', a children's play area in the beer garden, which offers over 15 different types of play



Owners of the Mad Cat are celebrating their second year in business by holding a Beer Festival in the grounds of the traditional village pub, including three days of music, fun and great beer.



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As for the menu itself, new options are being finalised as we go to print, and will be coming to the table soon. So, watch this space!



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## Considering a 'Staycation'?

According to sources within the industry, Britain is going crazy for camping. According to the National Office of Statistics, UK camping trip bookings rose by over fifteen percent in the last year alone, while researchers at Mintel said only around 20 percent of respondents would even consider holidaying abroad in 2016. So the question is, can you manage the same quick getaway in our local area.

Stepping to the plate is Stroud Hill Park, an exclusively adult caravan site in Pidley. One of the top 100 sites in Britain, Stroud hill goes above and beyond the usual camping experience, being centered around a green oak timber-framed building which houses reception and a restaurant, along with toilets and showers, while the 60 pitches (44 hard standing, 16 grass) all come with a 16 amp electric hookup, fresh water and separate grey water disposal.

According to site managers Denise and Julian, "The site is incredibly tranquil, even

on the busiest bank holiday weekends", and when you enter the area you can clearly see why. Surrounding the site is David Newman's family farm, which is specially managed and has been enrolled in a DEFRA conservation scheme, allowing David to actively manage the land to give a wide variety of species habitat. This includes planting and maintaining native woodland and creating natural wetland areas, while the 23 acres of woodland provides a wonderful habitat for many birds and other wildlife.

If you are looking for a little more activity to go with your 'staycation', then Stroud Hill Park provides tennis courts and a private fishing lake. You don't even have to worry about the pets, with dogs welcome to enjoy the beautiful walks surrounding the farm with you.

So, if you are considering getting away from it all, but don't fancy the hassle of planes, trains and automobiles, why not pitch up at Stroud Hill Park?



Photograph Shows: Daphne and Carolyn, two of the amazing volunteers at the Charity Shop

## Ramsey Hospital Charity Shop Fund Raising Presentation

**On Wednesday 25th May, volunteers from the Ramsey Hospital Charity Shop distributed over £16,000 from funds raised over the last year amongst the following good causes:**

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Thanks go to all those in the community who donated goods and made purchases from the charity shop.

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## Ramsey students visit Houses of Parliament

Shailish Vara MP recently welcomed sixth form students from Abbey College, Ramsey, to the Houses of Parliament as part of an educational trip to learn more about the history and workings of the seat of the UK Government.

Mr Vara hosted a question and answer session during which the students had the opportunity to discuss with him issues such as the forthcoming EU referendum, future funding for Cambridgeshire Schools and school transport. As part of their visit, the students were also taken on a guided tour of the parliamentary estate, sat in on debates taking place in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and took part in a quiz on the parliamentary system:

The trip appeared to be a success, with students gaining a greater understanding of the work going on within the parliamentary

system. One such Abbey College student, Jordan Kielty, commented that "This trip was an amazing experience, providing us with knowledge, independence and enjoyment. Personally, I learnt a huge amount about the Government and Parliament and more young people need to be aware of this as it really does affect us - whether we are aware of it or not!" Following the visit Mr Vara also stated "We had a lively question and answer session during which we discussed a good range of local and national issues. I also explained the role of an MP, both in the constituency and in Parliament, as well as explaining my ministerial responsibilities at the Ministry of Justice and the Department for Work and Pensions. It was a pleasure meeting such an intelligent group of young people and to give them an insight into the world of politics."

## UPWOOD COUNCILLOR APPOINTED EXECUTIVE LEADER

Councillor Robin Howe, who is the current District Councillor for Upwood and the Raveleys, has been appointed Executive Leader of Huntingdon District Council.

Councillor Howe, who has represented the ward since 2011, saw off a challenge from a colleague to take control of the Conservative-led council after former leader Jason Ablewhite stepped down, having been elected as Police and Crime Commissioner. As a former Deputy Executive Leader, Cllr Howe has played a role in financial policy making for many years, with his executive remit including commercial activities such as leisure centers and car parks. He has also led the Upwood Parish Council for a number of years, where he played a large role campaigning against the proposed Traveller Site in Upwood in 2010. In terms of the local area, he joins Councillor Peter Bucknell, who is currently undertaking his second year as Chairman of the Council.

The former Deputy Leader has been much lauded for his business acumen, which is seen as crucial as the council faces a budget shortfall of over £3 million by 2021. He has also been quoted as saying that business experience is very helpful for a councillor, stating: "I think the council is seeking to



become more commercially driven, it needs to focus much more on its residents as customers, which is one of the principle ethics of business in the world. It needs to look to ways in which it can improve its revenue receipts which would help it avoid having to cut its operating costs."

He is also a strong supporter of cabinet government, saying "I'm utterly convinced that the cabinet structure is the right way to run local government. It is quite evident that when you have a committee structure there is very little executive responsibility, very little accountability", adding that cabinet government is "highly scrutinized by members and very explicit and organized in its structure." He was also confident about the council's economic situation, stating that "we have a large series of measures to undertake to get there, but I am confident that we can do that."

To hear more from Cllr Howe, visit the RWRstories companion blog at <https://rwrstories.wordpress.com/2016/02/29/interview-with-councillor-robin-howe/>

## WADES WEBSITE LAUNCHES... FINALLY!

After over seven months of waiting, high street stalwart Wades have launched their brand new website, featuring over 30,000 product lines and a free TV giveaway next month.

The new website, which can be found at [www.wades.co.uk](http://www.wades.co.uk), has been in production for several months, and comes as Wades reaches a new phase in its development into a modern business. As the owner and manager of Wades, Alan, states: "It's the next stage of us evolving into a modern shop. We are Wades: Traditionally Modern, so we have old values but we live in the modern world so we have to have all the modern equipment, and that's what the website is about"

The build has been tough, with plenty of hurdles to overcome. "It was a five week build that took seven months, but we're there now, we are up and running, it's all coming together nicely", says Alan, "We've done alot to it and we're going to work on it constantly and it will all come in with this move. Now, we're hoping people will go on there, look at it, tell us what they like about it and then sometime around next month we will be giving the television away."

The website also features a full range of social media options, with the store now available to follow on both Twitter and Facebook, while the simple design makes it easy to find what you are looking for. Search options are available if you have a specific product in mind, but those looking to browse will find it as easy as stepping into the shop, with each separate category outlined and separated

into sub categories to allow for an easy shopping experience.

Finally, and most importantly for those who love a bargain, Wades is giving away a 50" Linsar LED TV, and all you have to do to enter is like the stores Facebook page and start a comment with #wades. Too techie? Not a problem, you can also cut out the advert opposite and bring it into the store with your details filled in.

Obviously, Wades is still moving ever forward, with plans to open new and larger premises further down the Great Whyte. Alan had this reassuring message to residents: "we're not going anywhere. We're just going down the road! We are staying in town; we're just going to improve. We will have a larger premises and more services to offer. I want to take extra staff on and have extra fitters, so the shop will flow and everything will come together nicely." As for a timetable, Alan is keeping his cards close to his chest. "I want to be there in 12 months, and I'll keep pushing and getting that little bit further. But we are busy, its looking good and we just keep moving forward all the time".

Wades has been a part of the Great Whyte for many years, having had a unique relationship with Gammons for much of that time. Now run as an entirely independant outfit, Wades sells everything from electrical goods to bicycles, with friendly staff always on hand the moment you walk through the door.

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# LOCAL ELECTION ROUNDUP

## PARTIES HOLD FIRM IN MAY ELECTIONS

Reporting from any count is unique experience, and never more so than when in Huntingdon. The Burgess Hall in St Ives is almost uniquely designed to infuriate journalists, taking every interviewee, every source for the much needed quotes that increasingly run the business of news, and put them all in plain view but entirely out of reach. For the harried local journalist, the balcony of the Burgess Hall is a lonely place. In the end, the local elections were a predictable anti-climax. UKIP managed to hold their seat in Ramsey, while Conservative candidate Jill Tavener achieved an as-expected victory in Warboys & Bury. In what began as a close race but never really made it there, Jason Ablewhite made it two out of two for the Police and Crime Commissionership, a post that has been held by the Tories since its inception.

So, what can we learn from all this. Well, UKIP is not going anywhere anytime soon. Lisa Duffy was victorious in a close-fought encounter with former UKIP councillor and current Conservative candidate Ian Curtis, who was running for the first time since his own election defeat last May. Despite winning by more than 100 votes, Lisa still

felt the race had been tough: "It was really close, I thought it would be close because they have been able to knock on more doors than I could, they have a big tory machine and I've got myself, my mother-in-law and my partner and we work very hard while at the same time trying to go and knock on all those doors." Meanwhile, Ian Curtis did not rule out another run in the future, saying "we really wanted to win it, but then again it is only two years down the line and if we keep working I have no doubt we can take in in two years' time."

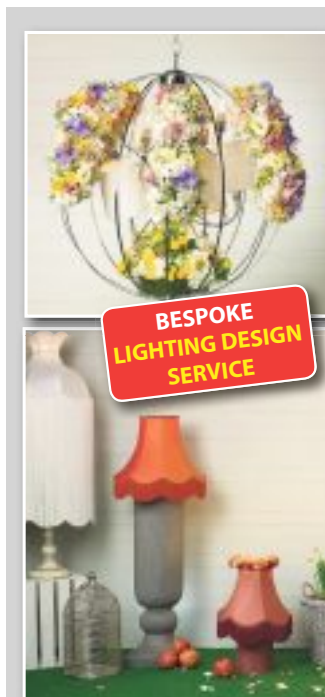
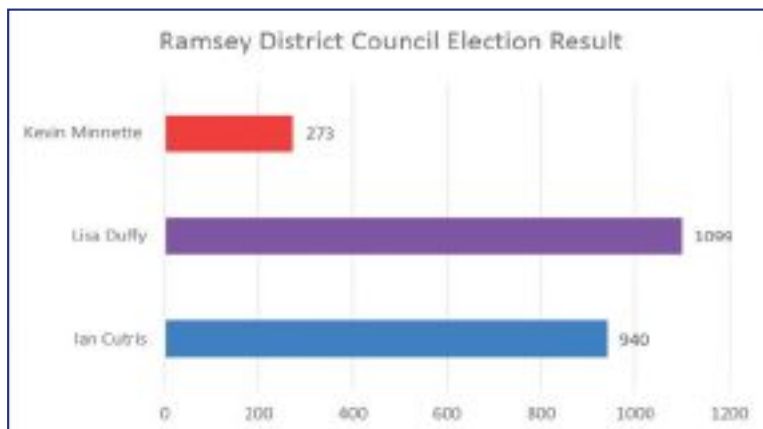
Warboys provides a similar story; while sympathy must go out to Philip Potts, who fell nine votes short and thus became the only candidate not elected to the Warboys Parish Council, the victor of the day was Jill Tavener, who comprehensively beat local UKIP Chairman Mick Mean. Gaining an impressive 51% of the overall vote, Jill comes away from election day with a clear mandate for the Tories. Her predecessor, Angie Curtis, was overjoyed by the result, saying "I'm absolutely delighted, and I was so thrilled when we had a candidate like Jill Tavener coming forward because she is a strong local woman, an established parish councillor and

she knows the ward well, so an absolute delight for me."

As for the PCC's, it was never in doubt. Jason Ablewhite arrived the count all smiles, before quickly holding onto his St Ives District Council seat and sailing back out the door again, never in doubt as to the result. He did take the time to laud the Conservative progress in the area, remarking that: "We've felt on the doorstep there has been a little

bit of angst, so we will see what happens in the future".

All in all, it seems that little has changed this year. Despite UKIP pressure and the threat of a referendum, despite the growing political apathy and calls for reform, despite the looming national issues and devolution discussions, a safe seat is still a safe seat. It's going to take more than this to shake things up, that's for sure.



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# Re-live the Gaiety with Who's Who in Ramsey!

By Ann Cuthbert, Promoting Ramsey

Back in the sixties Ramsey had a vibrant music scene with the Who playing three times! Its hard to believe now but The Hollies, John Bonham (Led Zeplin), Fleetwood Mac, Lulu, PJ Proby, Freddie & the Dreamers, Herman and his Hermits, The Move, The Animals, The Moody Blues, The Troggs, The Herd and many more played the Gaiety.

Linda Button (nee Corney) remembers the old cinema being transformed by her father into the Gaiety Ballroom which opened in 1961. It was used for private functions and skating nights where roller skates were hired out and ramps brought into the hall. When bands appeared a glitter ball was put up in the ballroom and the floor was powdered to make for better dancing as coachloads of teenagers came in from places as far afield as Corby. Coaches used to be parked all the way down the main street all night. She has good memories of Lulu who was "just lovely and such good fun, larking round with us after the gig. Linda also recalled that PJ Proby nearly caused a riot with his trouser splitting routine!

Jenny Dickman (nee Knight) from Holme used to "make a shift dress from fabric bought that morning in the market and wear

it that night." She remembers seeing Amen Corner and is still thrilled at the memory of Chris Farlowe (number 1 hit "Out of Time" in 1966) treading on her foot on his way to the toilet!

Down at the Drill Hall on the 40s Camp in Ramsey the music of the sixties is being revived with a Who tribute band plus support from local band, Ten O'Clock Curfew on July 9th after the carnival. There'll be a bar and fish 'n chip van on site. Formed in London in 1996, Who's Who, the longest established Who tribute act in the UK, have received incredible reactions across Europe and beyond for their exciting live performances. They are widely respected and acknowledged by members of (and those close to) The Who themselves, as the group that best interprets the songs of Pete Townshend and the band's legendary live performances.

This event is put on by the Ramsey Arts Festival and supported by the Promoting Ramsey project. For tickets (£10 each) contact 07808 314141 or ramseyartsfestival@gmail.com

Linda Button on the left with Herman of Herman and his Hermits



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# RAMSEY ROTARY NEWS



Bury and Upwood Scouts accepting the cheque.

## Cheque for New Tent

Rotarian Carole Broom was please to hand over a cheque for £329 to Bury & Upwood Scout leader Robert Jones at a recent Scouts Group meeting. The money, very much appreciated by the Scout Leader, will be use to purchase a leaders bell tent.



Last years run getting off to a good start

## Come and join in the Fun Run

The Rotary Fun Run is being held on Sunday 5th June at 11.00 am on the One Leisure sports ground Ramsey. Registration is at 10.00 and advanced sponsor/application forms still can be collected from Hibbins Insurance, High Street

Ramsey during normal office hours or email shaungreen@ramseyrotary.co.uk The Fun Run is open to all ages so why not make it a family event, bring along a picnic for afterwards. Plenty of free parking.



Visitors and hosts get together at Ramsey Golf Club



Norwegian guests and hosts dine at Ramsey Golf Club on Fish & Chip supper.

In Mid April a party of thirteen Norwegians from the Rotary Club of Volda, twinned with the Rotary Club of Ramsey, visited Ramsey as guests for the weekend staying in members homes. The association and friendship started 43 years ago when a party of two girls and seven boys as part of an exchange from the Rotary Club of Volda visited Ramsey. Following the youngsters visit Rotarian Keith Brown, sadly no longer with us, flew his light aircraft across the Channel to France. Then



Corben Russell a welcome Rotary guest

## Ramsey Rotary Young Citizen Shines Again

Corben Russell a Ramsey Rotary Young Citizen of 2015, was invited to accompany Ramsey Rotarians to the Rotary 1070 District Assembly at Loughborough University in May. During the breakout session Corbin was invited to talk about the projects he had set up with Tiffany Baldwin, the other Young Citizen award winner. Speaking confidently to 40 Rotarians from other clubs he explained how they set up their projects and freely answered questions from the floor. Well done Corben.



Left Ramsey Club President Jeremy Hyde with Volda Club President Ivar Kvangardsnes



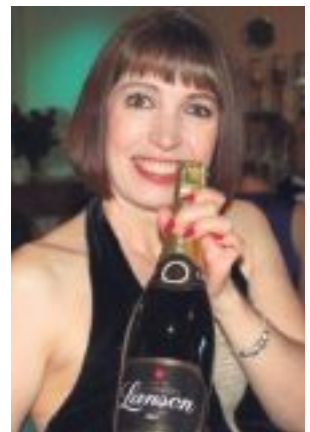
Relaxed atmosphere at the Spring Ball

## Spring Ball a huge success

Ramsey Rotary's Spring Ball held at Lakeside Lodge, Pidley in May was in aid of Rotary charities and Macmillan Woodlands Centre.

Eighty guests sat down to dinner then danced the night away to the resident disco. During the course of the evening a raffle took place with fantastic prizes including a Dell Venue 11 Pro tablet computer, Kenwood Chef food mixer, Beats headphones, Luxury food hamper and many other prizes.

The event raised £1247 which will be distributed between Macmillan and Rotary local charities.



Relaxing at Lakeside Lodge after 10 pin bowling

## The Norsmen Cometh Again

with the aid of just European road maps flew in stages up through Belgium. Holland, Denmark, Sweden and then Norway finally landing close to the town of Volda, some 200 miles north of Bergen. During this visit contact was made with the Rotary Club of Volda and the long term friendship began. Over the period since 1973 several exchange visits have been made, the current Norwegian visit in the planning over the past two years. The visitors arrived Friday evening and were met at Bedford railway

station by their hosts and taken to their homes for an evening meal. Saturday morning a visit to Ramsey Rural Museum was organised where coffee and refreshments were served by the Museum staff. A trip to Pidley for ten pin bowling at Lakeside Lodge and lunch returning to Ramsey via Old Hurst visiting Johnsons Farm and shop. The visit concluded with joining Ramsey Rotarians and their families in the evening at the Golf Club for a fish and chip supper.

Sunday morning the visitors departed by train for a stop over visit to London before flying home to Norway





Welcome to our short series about neutering. There are many reasons we believe neutering is hugely beneficial for you and your pet. We can summarize these reasons into 3 sections – health, behaviour and population. In each part we will focus on one main topic. In the May edition we talked about female dogs focusing on the life-threatening condition pyometra. Next up – female cats.

# Neutering - Part 2



There are health risks to keeping female cats entire (un-neutered) such as pyometra, mammary tumours and disease (feline "AIDS" being the biggest risk). But the main reason we urge everyone to neuter their cats is pregnancy and unwanted litters.

Did you know a female cat will come into season every 3 weeks? When she's in season she'll be very restless and "call" for a mate. This attracts all the local tomcats to your house when there will often be fights. She is also more likely to go wandering further afield looking for a male - increasing the risk of her getting lost, trapped somewhere or be involved in a road traffic accident. Her behaviour when in season, the males' response and the domestic cat's lifestyle of being "free-range" means she's highly likely to become pregnant.

Female cats become sexually mature at around 4 months old and can have up to 3

litters a year with up to 6 kittens in each litter – that's a possible 18 kittens a year you'll have to find homes for. In five years she could be responsible for 20,000 descendants! That's a lot of cats!

With thousands of cats in rescue centres waiting for their forever homes, is it really right to allow your cat to have litter after litter?

Irresponsible breeding not only increases the strain on rehoming charities but also the breeding female. Having litter after litter takes its toll on her body and each time there's an increased risk of complications - which not only can be costly to treat but in more serious cases, it could cost her life.

Some people believe a cat must have season first or even have a litter before she can be neutered – this is a myth, there is no evidence to suggest this is beneficial for her. We highly recommend to neuter your cat at an early age, at around 4 months old, before she can become pregnant. Remember that cats aren't picky breeders, they will mate with their siblings or parents!

Neutering female cats is called "spaying" and requires your cat to stay at the Vets for the day. She will be given a general anaesthetic and the procedure is done to remove her uterus and ovaries. Cats are very resilient and usually recover very quickly from the operation and will be back to their old selves in no time. Kittens seem to recover even more quickly than adults.

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## Afternoon Tea for the Queen

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ladies tucked into a themed tea including spiced shortbread shaped as crowns and two cakes resplendent with rubies, edible gold leaf and pearls. A cup was left ready in case her majesty dropped by. A great afternoon in recognition of a very remarkable lady.

### WI Campaigns

## Annual Federation Day – 6th April 2016

It is that time of year again when members of the WI consider what they would like to campaign about. Every year WI members put forward, select and vote upon something that is important to them. This year WIs have been considering whether to support resolutions on supermarket waste and appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia. Every WI throughout the country will decide whether they wish to support the resolutions and their delegate will vote according to their instructions at the national AGM on the 11th June in Brighton. Looking back it is interesting to see the variety of campaigns undertaken by the WI and the difference its voice has made to many issues we take for granted today. For example you will have read about the Keep Britain Tidy campaign to 'Clean for the Queen' this year. Keep Britain Tidy started as a WI resolution. Otn In the early 1990s the WI was a founding member of the Fairtrade Foundation and in 1986 the WI was one of the first organisations to talk about AIDS and used its unrivalled network of local groups to educate the public and get people talking about the issue. In 1975 the WI started informing members about the importance of breast examination and lobbying the government to set up screening clinics. A national screening programme was eventually introduced in 1988. Members

were among the first to debate the dangers of smoking when the WI passed a resolution to ban smoking in public places in 1964. In recent years WI campaigns have been influential in gaining...

- Government commitment, announced in June 2013, to develop an action plan for bees
- A cross party commitment to diversion and liaison schemes - a 'care not custody' approach to end the inappropriate detention of people with mental health needs. £5m pilot funding was announced by the Secretaries of State for Health and Justice in March 2011;

- European Parliament commitment to introduce mandatory country of origin labelling on all fresh meat (July 2011).

- Government concessions on Legal Aid reform, strengthening safeguards in draft legislation for domestic violence victims (spring 2012).

- The announcement of a major review of maternity services which is expected to publish its findings by the end of the year along with in 2015 the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) published its first ever guidance on safe midwifery staffing.

So on to Brighton to see which, if any, of the proposed resolutions will have the backing of the WI this year. Watch this space!

- See more at: [www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns](http://www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns)

## Shopping through the ages

On a beautiful summers day in May the ladies of Abbey WI were entertained by Hannah Vandrange, the new Curator of the Norris Museum in St Ives who spoke about Shopping through the Ages. The talk was made most interesting with the aid of numerous well illustrated slides and several artefacts from the Museum that we were able to hold.

### Market Charter

St Ives was given a charter to hold a market

in medieval times and we saw how they dressed and what they were selling as well as how it progressed and developed to present times with everything wrapped in plastic and impersonalised internet shopping. When we got to the 50s the advertisements brought back many happy memories of our youth. A very full and interesting talk and we all agreed that we mourn the loss of personalised service and individual, interesting shops. Well recommended.

### Ramsey WI

On Monday 9th May we listened with interest to Dr Jan Clark of Diabetes UK, the leading UK charity that cares for, connects with and campaigns on behalf of all people affected by and at risk of Diabetes. She told us that seven million adults in the UK are at high risk of diabetes which can cause blindness, kidney failure, heart disease, stroke and premature death. There is currently no known cure for any type of diabetes but with the right treatment and support you can still lead a full life. So if you are a woman and have a large waist of more than 31 ½ inches or a man with a waist of more than 37 inches maybe it's time for a lifestyle change.

On the third Tuesday of each month readers meet at Book Worms at 7.30 in the Methodist

Church Hall. This month we are discussing "Over a Hot Stove" a kitchen maids story by Flo Wadlow. Life below stairs in Britain's great houses: the charming memoirs of a 1930's kitchen maid. The book includes some of Flo's cherished recipes.

The WI will again be wo-manning a stall at the St Thomas Becket Church Fete on Saturday 4th June, why not come along and meet some of the ladies, pick up a bargain or just come for a chat.

The Ramsey WI meets the second Monday of the month, at 7.30 in the Ramsey Community Centre, Stocking Fen Road. June is Members night, an evening organised by members and not the committee – so we have to wait and see what has been planned. Eating and drinking will be involved.



Four of our members (Carol Matthews, Anyta Francis, Sheila Thompson, Ivy Everitt) had birthdays this month and, purely by accident, their birthday bouquets matched their outfits – well nearly, three out of four isn't bad!

### Warboys WI

Recent meetings have included the arrival of the "Spanish Amandas" in April who entertained us with a cookery demonstration and Spanish conversation. One of the Amanda's prepared a wonderful paella and salad for members to taste and enjoy. The other Amanda, a teacher of Spanish, introduced us to useful words and phrases that we could practice. It was a very entertaining evening all round. In our May meeting we discussed this year's national resolutions and voted accordingly. This was followed by a show of personal memorabilia from our weddings and a swishing event. The Spring Walk in Abbotsley, despite being a wet day, was very interesting and our guide

was most informative, and helped us all to enjoy the morning. A group of members also attended the "Disco Inferno" musical at the Hinchbrook Performing Arts Centre - a wonderful high quality event.

In June we will welcome Tish Page to give us a talk on "The Silk Road" and on July 31st we will be taking part in "The Picnic in the Park" on Warboys Sports Field and running a stall where every item will be £1 - so pop along and see what bargains you can pick up. We also look forward to the June Tea, a Garden Party and a Summer Outing in the next few months.

For more information about the WI visit: [www.thewi.org](http://www.thewi.org)





## HOLIDAYS+TRAVEL

# Tour, Tour, Tour



More and more people are wanting more from their holiday. It's as much about the experience as it is about sitting on the beach and soaking up the sun. This trend means touring or multi centre holidays are becoming very popular.

The USA is particularly popular for this type of holiday. Whether it's combining a trip to Disney in Florida with a week in Miami, or adding in a Caribbean Cruise. Flying to New York for some sight-seeing and then adding in Washington, taking in a tour of New England in the autumn, or driving down Route 66 or the West Coast road from San Francisco to San Diego. Then of course there are cruises to Alaska, whale watching and magnificent scenery, taken with time in Seattle or Wyoming or even Canada. Combine a tour of California with a relaxing beach in Mexico. The USA is so huge that many want to see as much as they can once they get there.

The other side of the world is also a great destination for tours. It's a long trek to Australia, so why not break it up with a couple of nights in Singapore or Hong Kong. Once in Australia there is plenty to see,

Sydney is high on everyone's list, as is Great Barrier Reef, Cairns, Uluru (Ayers Rock), A tour of Australia is a once in a lifetime trip for many. But since you've travelled so far, why not add in New Zealand, either cruise across or fly and pick-up a camper van and drive this beautiful island.

Asia is probably one of the biggest continents for tours, particularly escorted tours, taking in countries such as China, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Borneo, Sri Lanka and Thailand. escorted tours offer the advantage of everything being arranged for you, there are no worries about seeing everything, your itinerary is fixed and you can enjoy your holiday with like minded people. It is a great way to see a country if you are not comfortable with driving abroad or using the local transport.

Rail Journeys are another type of touring holiday, either in a group or just yourselves. It is a different way of seeing a lot of a country and there are many specialist operators who deal with this type of holiday.

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# Summer of Fun 2016

family friendly events, provided by the community for the community



by Val Fendley



What a fantastic place Ramsey is, particularly in the summer. There's so much on offer for the whole family. As the Ramsey & Warboys Reporter goes to press we are planning for our stall at St Thomas a Becket and Ramsey St. Mary's Church fete on the afternoon of Saturday 4th June, this is always a delight to attend and particularly well supported by the community. Its high profile location on the green by the Church and Abbey Gatehouse definitely helps. There's also a Peter Pan event at the Library on the same morning with lots to do and you can even dress up if you like.

## Big Lunch

We're also heavily involved in preparations for the Big Lunch - Street Party for the Queens 90th Birthday, this again will be a great family event with fun and games for everyone including Fenland Light Railway, races, the Playbus, crafts with Marion Saville and Ramsey Crafters in the library and a Rodeo Bull. We will go ahead whatever the weather with the activities - so come prepared.

The road closure along Great Whyte from Whytefield Road to the High Street will be in force from 10:30am on Sunday 12th June with the party starting at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome; please bring your table, chairs and some food to share. To ensure a mixture of foods we would like everyone who lives at an even numbered house to bring something savoury and those who live at a house with an odd number to bring sweet food or a desert.

Milk Shake Junction will be open along

with the Jolly Sailor for drinks but feel free to bring your own. There will be some disposable cutlery and crockery and picnic tables available but it would be helpful if you brought your own. Bunting will go up the week before and will remain in place throughout July for the Carnival and into August for the 1940s weekend. Following the street party there will be a Band on the Green (Church Green) kindly organised by Ramsey Town Council.

## Carnival

The Carnival this year is on Saturday 9th July and has a 1960s theme with the procession leaving Rainbow Surgery car-park at 1pm arriving at Abbey College school field around 1:30-1:45. There will be entertainment, stalls and attractions on offer throughout the afternoon.

On the same evening down at the Camp on Wood Lane there will be a performance by



Who's Who (the Who tribute act) brought to us by the Ramsey Arts Festival and Discover Ramsey.

## BOSH

One of the main projects delivered by Ramsey Million this summer is the BOSH (Bring On School Holidays) Play Scheme which will be bringing a touch of the 'Wild, Wild West' to Ramsey. This year will be our 4th year as we know how much local families with children between the ages of 5 and 10 years of age value it. The sessions kick off on Monday 1st August, there's a wide range of activities and an end of scheme trip to Wicksteed Park. It's been a great success in past years and we would particularly like to thank Ramsey Cricket Club who allows us to use their club-house and field as our play scheme venue. The partnership working has been fantastic! See the advert in this edition of the Reporter giving full details of the two week programme.

## Website

There is so much on offer across the summer period that we can't possibly list it all here. Why not check out the events calendar on the Discover Ramsey website? [www.discoverramsey.co.uk](http://www.discoverramsey.co.uk). Funded by Ramsey Million the new website and brand form part of the Promoting Ramsey project, which has definitely had a very successful first year.

Finally for those wondering about CREATE our creative showcase which last summer culminated in CREATE-Fest, our first live music event at the Camp, we decided not to hold it this year as the Carnival was taking place, instead we'll hold it every second year, on the opposite year to the Carnival. So don't worry, preparations are already underway for CREATE-Fest 2017.

For more information on any of the Ramsey Million projects please contact us:

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## Street Party for the Queen

**Sunday 12th June**  
**11.30am - 2.30pm, Great Whyte**

Come along and spend some time with friends old and new at our community street party to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Queen. Just bring along some food to share and join in the **FREE** family fun and games, music & crafts including the Playbus, Marion Saville, Ramsey Crafters, Rodeo Bull, Fenland Light Railway and much more.

Hosted by the community, for the community.  
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**What will YOU bring to the table?**



# IT'S CRUNCH TIME FOR BEN AT BIG LOCAL



My name is Ben, I am 13, I have completed my level 1 youth work training and have been volunteering at the Crunch sessions. I was selected as the chairperson of the youth committee. This means I am involved in a lot of events and session planning. I make sure the young people's ideas and opinions are listened to and are reflected in what Crunch offers.

I was chosen alongside Sam and Michael to attend a Big Local (Lottery) spring event to give a presentation about what we had been doing at Crunch. This was based in London where many other Big Local groups gathered not only to share but to learn more about what progress is being made with other groups around them. There is a total of 150 Big Local involved groups spread across the country. I was there with my group to represent our young people's project; Crunch. Our project is mainly based in our building (The Boundary) that we use as our base club but we set out a 10 week term where each week some other activities would take place. For example Week 1 we have a general session where we would concentrate on engaging with the young people and find out their ideas for future terms. This is aimed to make them feel welcome and comfortable around each other as well as the project/s. We have a variety of activities including some cooking sessions running from the first week through to evaluation which would be the last session for the term. On an average term we may split the weeks up for say example, week 1 through 6 would be varied activities and 7 would be trip away from club and activities at the boundary would continue from week 8 to the end.

An example of the sort of activities that may take place during the middle of the term is break-dancing or graffiti art as well as team based games aimed to bond and build trust between not only the young people but between them, the staff and the volunteers.

A great example to tell you about is a recent session where the first plan was to have a more chilled film night upstairs in The Boundary, but as more young people arrived and the weather was very warm the young people suggested we go outside and play some games. This shows that the young people's ideas and opinions are considered and taken into account. It was great to see

all of the youth volunteers also engaging in activities with the young people, this shows progress and that we are becoming a success and we are making the young people happy as well as involved.

One of my responsibilities is to work with the staff at the end of the term doing the evaluation, I ensure that through the evaluation process the young people's opinions will have been taken into account.

I am pleased I have been asked to share our work through my column in the Reporter.



## SADDLE UP FOR A GREAT WEEK OF ACTIVITIES RIGHT HERE IN RAMSEY!

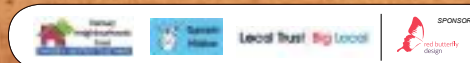
**PLEASE NOTE:** No booking required for activities – just turn up, however day trips must be booked and paid for in advance. A variety of crafts and sports will also be available every day in addition to main activity.



| WEEK 1           | ACTIVITY (£2/CHILD)           | WEEK 2            | ACTIVITY (£2/CHILD)*    |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon 1st August   | TeePee Building               | Mon 8th August    | Deputies VS Outlaws     |
| Tues 2nd August  | Into the Wilderness           | Tues 9th August   | Native American Raptors |
| Weds 3rd August  | Wild Things                   | Weds 10th August  | Bandanna Printing       |
| Thurs 4th August | Drums of Thunder              | Thurs 11th August | Tribal Games            |
| Fri 5th August   | Wild West Sports Extravaganza | Fri 12th August   | Wicksteed Park Trip*    |

\*The Wicksteed Park Trip is £10 per child. Membership forms can be completed in advance.

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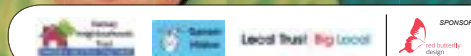
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## BUSINESS+FINANCE

### Contracts of employment – Why does a business need a good one?

A good employment contract isn't an irritating legal requirement. In fact it's not a legal requirement at all. But it is invaluable as a management tool to small business owners.

#### The minimum obligations

As a minimum legal requirement the employer must issue employees with a written 'statement of particulars' containing information about some of the main terms of employment within two calendar months of starting work.

Technically an employer can meet legal requirements by putting that basic information on a bit of paper, or by using a free template that can be downloaded from somewhere on the internet.

#### Why an employer needs a bit more than that

Just meeting the legal requirements doesn't give any of the benefits a well-drafted contract can bring. An employer wouldn't resort to the lowest common denominator in relation to any of the major commercial decisions of their business; why do it with their staff, their most valuable asset?

#### Define the relationship you want from the start.

The contract (written or otherwise) will govern the relationship between the employer and employees. If it is drafted right to start with, the employer gets to set the tone of that relationship exactly how they want it to be.

#### A well-drafted contract will enable, not restrict the employer

Many people think writing lots down will constrain the employer. In fact it will enable the employer to manage staff in the way they see fit and with clarity of expectations on both sides.

#### Look to the future

Staff might be with an employer a long time and they don't know at the start how their relationship with staff is going to develop or how the business might grow and change. The contract they issue at the start will remain in force for the duration of the employment and amending terms and conditions or imposing new ones isn't straightforward and risks souring relationships with valued staff.

Potential clients often use a contract given to them as a favor. The employer is convinced what they have will do the job. When I talk to them about what they have included and not included in their contracts they are often surprised that their "freebie" is not really good enough. This is a common problem and one easily addressed.

A well drafted contract will guide business owners in managing their staff effectively, avoid as far as possible problems arising in the employment relationship and deal with them quickly and effectively when they do.



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### How to create a promotions strategy that works...

You may have the greatest product ever but if you don't tell the world, it will sit on the shelves collecting dust until you finally have to close your business. Remember, you know what is great about your business because you created it. The rest of the world is not thinking about you and what you have to offer. So you have to tell them and you have to tell them in a way that makes them want what you have to offer.

Many small businesses shy away from promotions thinking they can't compete with the advertising, public relations and promotions budgets of their large competitors. But good promotions do not have to be expensive. And if you stay focused and create a clear plan, they don't have to be time-consuming either.

First develop a plan. This should be included in your business plan. Here are the steps to developing a strong promotional plan:

#### Identify your target buyer

Consider what kind of customer you want to do business with and to whom your product or service is most likely to appeal. Take into account demographic (i.e. age, gender, location, marital status), lifestyle (i.e. athletes, club goers, outdoor enthusiasts) and psychographics (i.e. personality traits and emotions that affect buying decisions) information.

#### Make Them Want What You Have to Offer

Distinguish your product or service from all the rest. This has to be meaningful and accurate, otherwise you will lose credibility with your consumers. First you will need to know what features, benefits and brand attributes your target buyers consider when making a purchase. For example, if you are a local nursery, your target buyers might take into account return policies on plants that don't survive, quality of plants in store and availability of informed people who can assist them with plant choices and directions for caring for the plants.

#### Create a strategy and make it clear

Write down who your target buyers are, what your competitive environment is and what your meaningful differences are. This is called

your positioning strategy statement. You must develop a consistent message and look and feel in all of your promotional campaigns.

Think about the personality of your business in relationship to your target buyers. Is it a young, hip, friendly, casual environment? Or is it a more reserved, traditional and slightly more conservative environment? These characteristics will inform the look, feel and tone of your business, as well as promotions.

#### Create a clear, concise and memorable message that impacts your target buyers

This can be a challenge but doesn't have to be. Think about your business value proposition (BVP). If you have clearly identified the unique features and benefits of your product/service that truly matter to your target buyers, you will be well on your way. Take this information and brainstorm potential slogans, keywords in all marketing messages and visual images that correspond to your BVP.

#### Consider your budget

When promoting your products, services and business there may never seem to be enough money. However, not all promotion costs money. Creating a mix between word-of-mouth, customer referral programs, public relations and advertising will save you a lot of money. Imagination and relationship building are the keys.

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# Ramsey Library



## Murder was afoot...

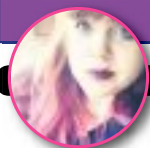
Last month, there was a murder at Ramsey Library, but only on paper! Author Sue Welfare led a creative writing workshop based around murder mysteries. Themes were explored and much was learnt about getting ideas out of heads and onto paper. The next Arts Alive events are being planned and it is hoped these will be a film screening and painting workshops, taught once more by David Brown. Look out for more information in the library, on posters around

town and on the Discover Ramsey website. If you bought the Royal Quiz, don't forget to return it to the library by closing time on the 14th June. There's still time to find the answers you didn't know.

On 12th June there will be a street party on the Great Whyte to celebrate the Queen's birthday. As part of this the library will be open for teas and coffees, run by the Friends of Ramsey Library. There will also be crafts for the children and craft stalls.

## BOOK REVIEW

### DANGEROUS Girls by Abigail Haas



Emily Bradley-Dorman

'Elise is dead. And someone must pay.'

'Dangerous Girls' is told from the point of view of Anna, as she relives the months leading up to her trial. A trial where she is accused of murdering her best friend, Elise. Unlike the rest of her friends - who also discovered Elise's body - Anna is the only one on trial. She's the only one kept incarcerated in a foreign country waiting to be sent to jail for the next twenty years for first degree murder. But here's the question. Did Anna kill Elise? And if not, who did?

I'm not entirely sure where to start. I'm still not 100% sure what actually happened or who killed Elise but it was one heck of a ride living through Anna's trail with her. This story has the quirky fingertips of Abigail Haas all over it. It is a thrilling and impressive story of friendship, love, betrayal and the lengths some people will go to for those three things. It's completely mesmerising and Abby's writing is overwhelmingly alluring. I just want to keep reading her books forever! Even though I did love this book I also struggled with it a little. I think the issue for me was that the whole reason I fell in love with 'Dangerous Boys' (which I actually read first) was the dark seductive characters and

the practically psychopathic story line that was all consuming and challenged my way of seeing human nature. With 'Dangerous Girls' the characters didn't have that same edge for me, at least not until the very last chapter. Also still don't I haven't a clue what happened and it's been days since I finished this book!

I'm not saying I didn't enjoy this book because I did. It was exciting and the way Abigail writes is captivating from the very first page. I adore the way in which each chapter switches between the past and the present revealing the story one clue at a time. I felt a whole array of emotions towards Anna whilst reading and it did pull me in. It's a great book. It just, for me, missed that seductive, dangerous quality of 'Dangerous Boys'.

I don't want to go into too much story detail as I don't want to give the game away. So that's all you're getting for now. Just know that it's well worth the read and will have you on the edge of your seat!



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Ramsey Carnival

**RAMSEY CARNIVAL**  
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**July 9th**  
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## OPINION



## Feminism &amp; The Media



by Charlotte Baker

Feminism is becoming much more prevalent within the media right now. I have seen a handful of anti-feminism posts and videos within the media. However, I'd like to share my view in hopes I can help balance the scales of the ever growing war on men. (Oops, I mean the war against inequality?)

Feminism is defined as "the advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the equality of the sexes." So this is supposed to be a movement for equality. I know it is easy to believe the loudest voice and soak up the most common views portrayed in the media but just below the surface I've come to find there is often a very different reality, this of course affects all aspects of the media, and life, not just Feminism.

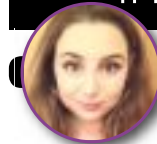
My personal view is that we shouldn't divide humanity by gender. Each and every one of us, in my eyes, should be looked at as an individual, i.e. we should not make blanket assumptions based on gender, and this statement applies for and against feminism. Naturally this is not so easy for us, to look past the aesthetics. Reality check: Life is not fair (We learn this as children, and I'm actually OK with it.) I can only ask that you take a minute to figure out your personal view. For every fact and figure fuelling feminism there will be another to hinder the movement. (Within the Western society is where I am talking I have no grounds to

apply this elsewhere right now.)

I'm pretty tired of the one sided argument and enduring the silence from the beaten down opposition. I have looked into statistics other than the obscure warping of information and the regular wage gap topic. (Money isn't everything, is it?)

Through a quick search you can see that in the UK the male suicide rate is 3 times higher than female. That is 19.0 males per 100,000 compared to 5.1 females per 100,000, so our men are clearly a happy and privileged bunch. Mona Chalabi also posted an information-packed blog post on the Guardian website in 2013. This is where I found a link to a spreadsheet displaying the growing gender gap in regards to successful university applicants (females are favoured). Another study found that 84% of the "hidden homeless" were male. Men are also 20 times more likely to obtain a fatal injury at work, they are more likely to be a victim of violent crime and will receive a longer sentence than women for the same crime. Death Penalty almost exclusively targets men (In America). I could also talk about custody cases, scholarship discrimination, hate crime and many other subjects but all of this is already out there for you to find.

Next time you read something in the media, particularly smelling of feminism, try and think about it a little deeper. It seems people are being sucked into the stories at the surface without delving down below or questioning why sometimes stories are portrayed a certain way. Maybe this is my journalistic brain going wild but I think it's healthy to look from both sides of the mirror.



by Bryony Smith

On Thursday 23rd June the much talked about referendum will be taking place to decide whether or not the UK should stay in Britain. Whilst most people are questioning whether we should stay in or leave, I have been deliberating why it is that under-18s are not allowed to participate in this potentially radically changing referendum.

The House of Commons has rejected the House of Lords proposal to allow 16-17 year olds to vote in the upcoming referendum on Britain's EU membership 5 times, but why? A study compiled by the Telegraph last year found 69% of under-18s voting 'in'; showing them to be more sympathetic to the EU, compared to the older generation. Although this may skew the results, and "seriously undermine the legitimacy of the referendum" as argued by key public figures such as Conservative justice minister Lord Faulks, surely it would give a clearer representation of what citizens of the UK want? After reading an article by Julia Hartley-Brewer stating that 'Letting 16 year olds vote in the referendum would be a car crash' I was extremely offended.

Now it may be argued as young people we do not have enough experience or knowledge on what to vote on and can be easily manipulated and influenced by political parties, but the Government seems to have underestimated our capability and the effect that it may have down the line. This can be seen through influential young people such as Rowan Blanchard – aged 14 – who wrote an essay about the importance of intersectional feminism that went viral and also spoke at the UN Women's annual

summit last year, where she elaborated how gender inequality affects youth. Olivia Hallisey – aged 17 – invented an original way to test for the Ebola virus that didn't require refrigeration or electricity; which would be a huge advantage for those in rural areas that were most affected. With individuals such as these, why would you not want their view and vote?

It is a right to vote – that much is true – and a right that millions fought for, but those prohibiting and slating young people voting aren't really instilling much enthusiasm to vote when they do turn 18.

Even if all young people did vote 'in' the EU, why should individuals want to stop this? They may claim it has nothing to do with benefitting or supporting their opinion, but why then if the majority of young people feel a certain way, that that should not be represented too? It can only be more legitimate and representative of what the country as a whole want.

After fighting discrimination through acts such as the Race Relations Act 1976 and the Representation of People Act 2001, is it not discriminating in this day and age to prevent a group of young people from expressing their voice?

As young people we have a vision of our future and who we would like to be and what kind of country we want to live in – we know our own mind; we have a place in society and therefore have as much a right to vote about how we shape this country's future. Although it is extremely unlikely that under-18s will get a chance to participate in this year's referendum, I believe the issues and arguments that it has brought forward relating to under-18 involvement is promising for more opportunities in being a part of today's politics.



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## OPINION

# Can you tell when a politician is lying?



by Peter Reeve

You can tell when a politician is lying – it is when their lips move! Or so the old joke goes. Having knocked on hundreds of doors over the last month for the local elections, I know that a great many people still feel this is true. I don't fully agree with this view myself, most people I know in local government at least are in it for the right reasons – to make a positive difference to the local area and improve resident's lives.

However it is not surprising so many people don't trust politicians when they often appear to say one thing and do another. Take devolution for instance, one of the main reasons why I am in politics is to fight against the powerful establishment and stand up for the average person and our local communities, so for me devolving power from Government to local areas should be a no brainer – but I and my colleagues stopped devolution in the East of England in its tracks. Why, I hear you cry!

A few of the things that I have learnt being involved in politics, especially when dealing with Westminster politicians are:

1. When they tell you they are giving you something, chances are it is going to end up being something you don't want, not something you need.
2. If they tell you they are making lives better

or easier – it is normally their life, not ours.

3. If they are going to 'devolve power' – It is only the power to do the things they want you to do, not to do the things you need to do.

4. If they are going to 'devolve budgets' – it is normally because there is no money left in them and you end up picking up a cost and blame.

5. If they start talking about 'localism' – it is normally because they are going to 'centralise'.

All of these lessons seem to have played out in the East Anglia devolution debate. The devolution I want to see is Government and local authorities giving decision making power and real money to local communities to spend as they see fit, giving them the power to make their own decisions, even when they are going to decide to do things that politicians would not choose to do. Empowering local communities to go in the direction they want to go rather than the way they are told to go. Very often it is local people who come up with the great ideas that no one else thought of, ways of joining up groups, organisations and processes that formal authorities think can't be joined and a common sense approach that means things can be done more efficiently or more

effectively.

Problem is when the Government proposed devolution here, once we dig beneath the 'Devolution' headline we find that they will give us devolution – but only if we allow them to have a Mayor of East Anglia – who will hold all of the devolved power on our behalf. Decision making will be much easier – for them, because they will only have to convince or cajole their Mayor not the rest of us in the East, even though the Mayor will have all of the power, the power will still only be to do things that Government allows. They would provide a devolved infrastructure budget – but then they admit it is only a few million pounds each year for the whole of the East of England – so what they are really devolving is responsibility and blame because infrastructure has been under funded in the East for decades, not providing what we need – a real budget so that the real problems with roads and transport that we face can be addressed.

We were faced with Tory Councillors and MP's telling us we have to accept this terrible deal – because it is "take what you are offered or get nothing at all". The Tory leader of Cambridgeshire had even already signed the agreement to the deal! I am proud to have been one of the councillors in Cam-

bridgeshire who decided to stand up to the Government and call their bluff- not just roll over and have our belly tickled.

I do not believe we are better off if we have another layer of politicians – in the form of a Mayor and the bureaucracy and cost that comes with it (if more politicians is the answer – how bad was the question), I don't believe that a few million pounds per year will even start to scratch the surface of the decades of infrastructure underfunding that Government has caused in East Anglia and I do believe that by standing up to these politicians, not just saying yes and being grateful for whatever crumbs they throw in our direction – that is how we will start to make a real difference and get the real problems our area faces solved.

Tory ministers came to the East trying to sell us glass beads – we are here to tell them they need to show the people of the East more respect, there are new kids on the block who will not just do as they are told like the Tory politicians before us have been doing.

I joined UKIP because we are here to make a difference, not to climb the greasy career politician's pole. Devolution is just one of many areas where I thank God that we were there to say NO when it really mattered.



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# Just a single engine, some oxygen, and a hefty fuel bill

## How one Ramsey resident braved icebergs, weather and Mounties taking a single-engine aircraft across the Atlantic Ocean

These days, flying to America is as easy as it sounds, boarding the jumbo with hundreds of others. Local author and aerial photographer Keith Wilson had an entirely different experience.

Keith, along with ferry pilot Ed Oleksy, took to the skies in a single-engine Pilatus PC-9, which had formerly served as a training aircraft in the Slovenian Air Force, aiming for a safe delivery to new owners in North Carolina. Total flight time – 21 and a half hours, mostly over the open sea.

Flying for five days, within which a total of nine legs would be completed, the flight could hardly be described as comfortable within the confines of the former military

cabin, although there was some fun to be had. The aforementioned Ed Oleksy had long suffered under the nickname Captain Tinkerbell, a reference to how he pronounced 'fairy (ferry) pilot' with his American accent. He was surprised to find his embarrassing moniker had been stenciled to the side of the aircraft in time for their flight, and even more surprised that the new owners took such a shine to the design they have decided to keep it forever. In short, Captain Tinkerbell will go down in history.

The first few legs were largely incident free, flying first from Conington to Belfast, and then on the Tuesday through to Wick, before heading across the first stretch of icy-cold



## Bury Parish Council report

By Jeremy Mumford

We are beginning to make inroads into this enormous task of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Bury Village. In the last month we have made lists of all groups and Clubs in the area, as well as local businesses and all statutory organisations that we need to talk to.

As we want to get the views of our community it is important that we find ways for people to talk to us. We will be parading in the Ramsey Carnival and will also have a stall there so we can listen to your views and get your ideas. Soon there will be forms in a number of local venues where you can leave us your ideas. Our website also has a forum

where you can give your ideas.

There are many ways you can help us, but remember whilst the Neighbourhood Plan is a formal planning document it starts and ends with you! We can't build a plan from our own ideas, we need yours too - so come and make a difference.

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We are developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Bury. We all have an opportunity to present our thoughts and ideas of what we want to see happen over the next 20 years. Let's hear your thoughts.

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ocean to Reykjavik in Iceland. Due to the high altitude, they were forced to load up not only on fuel but oxygen too, having already been equipped with full immersion suits in order to protect them in the event of emergencies, when they would be forced to deploy the live ejector seats. Keith also recalls the inflatable one-man life rafts, which were strapped to each pilot's leg due to the lengthy oceanic stretches they would be traversing.

Hoping to make Happy Valley by nightfall, Wednesday began with a trip up to the sparse snowy wastes of Greenland, where the runway at Narsarsuaq provided plenty of problems, despite the scenic views offered over the mountains. Described by Keith as "landing on a postage stamp", the tiny runway is only accessible at the end of a lengthy fjord, with flying made difficult by the presence of many mountains, one of which is located at the far end of the runway. It was very much agreed in the cabin that overshooting the runway was not an option. However, this was by far the least of the problems they would overcome that day. Difficulties dogged the iceberg-infested hop across Northern Labrador and the pair were forced to land at a small airstrip in Makkovik, where they were greeted by a pair of suspicious Mounties, who demanded the aircraft be searched and the pilot's intentions fully explained. When all was in order, it seems what they most wanted was a picture with the unusual aircraft, before allowing Keith to explore what he describes as "the most surreal place to land".

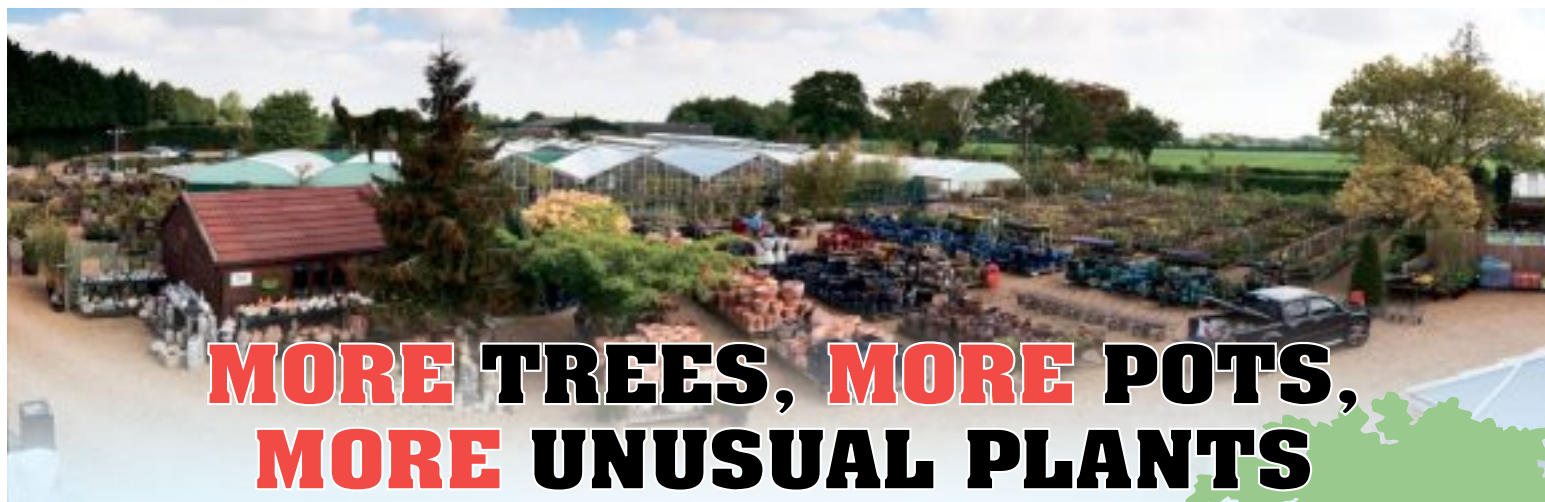
With a population of only just under 400,

Makkovik is almost entirely cut off from the world, with no roads and little infrastructure. According to Keith, the only form of transportation is the snowmobile, while regular deliveries to the area must be made either by air or boat.

The journey continued that evening, with the pair arriving in Happy Valley, also known as Goose Bay, which is home to the largest military air base in northeastern Canada. The following day, the next leg took them over the border to navigate U.S Customs in New Hampshire, before braving the final and most tiring leg over the east coast of the United States of America. This final jump took them from Manchester, New Hampshire to Sanford, North Carolina, across some of the most spectacular cities in America including Boston, New York and Washington D.C. Unfortunately, neither pilot had much chance to enjoy the cityscapes, as they were flying one of the busiest air corridors in the world. "The workload was immense", said Keith, who has been allocated this difficult leg of the journey, "It was three hours of total concentration, and then when we got to North Carolina, no-one was there to meet us!" Fortunately, it didn't last long, and after a few hours a crowd of curious onlookers gathered to watch the plane towed into the hanger, ready for its new home. Ed and Keith had made it through magnificent and terrifying landscapes, fuel scares, security checks, easy rides and tough flying. In summary, Keith had this to say: "It was the trip of a lifetime, something that had been on my bucket list for years. Would I undertake the trip in similar circumstances again? Probably!"







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## CAMERA CLUB PICKS UP AIR-TO-AIR TIPS



Members of the Ramsey Camera Club were treated to a presentation by Keith Wilson this month, who showcased his work as an air-to-air photographer at a lively and enthusiastic meeting in the Ramsey Community Centre.

The talk, which lasted a little under two hours, included photographs taken across Keith's extensive career, such as the very first air-to-air shot he ever took, featuring a rather beautiful 1977 flight international 1944 foxker Wolff biplane. Apparently, the weather was awful, and he "learnt a lot about struts and how they can get in the way!"

The talk also included a few tips and tricks, with Keith detailing how he is able to get up close and personal with the aircraft (without uttering any expletives) and asking the audience if they believed backgrounds matter (shouts of 'definitely' coming back from the spectators).

However, there were also the scarier moments, including a near miss with a Tri-Star over Bourne and a pilot passing out after pulling over 10G, leaving Keith covered in crash debris. Some amazing pictures and plenty of talent was showcased, but the moral of the story was 'Don't try this at home'.



## Yaxley festival a success

Discover Ramsey was out in force at Yaxley Festival this month, where they attracted the attention of local people and celebrities alike.

Ramsey Promotions Officer Ann Cuthbert and Ramsey Million Partnership's own Val Fendley were on hand to greet such public figures as Shailesh Vara, MP for North West Cambridgeshire, and Warwick Davis, who starred in several Harry Potter movies and Star Wars: Return of the Jedi. Mr Davis made his entrance to the arena in a bicycle trailer ridden by Rebekah Cheshire, who was involved in a horrific car crash but survived and made a recovery far beyond doctors expectations. Now aged 24, she is training

for a charity cycle ride to raise funds for Magpas.

The event itself was well supported by Ramsey residents, with the local regiment of Army Cadets represented in the parade, while the dog show was organised by Ramsey Dog Club.

The Yaxley Festival itself has been a resounding success for the last two years, since being founded by Stewart Howe and Mark Oliver in 2012.

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# 'SUPER SNAPS'

By Bruce McDowell Group Leader Digital Photography Group U3A

As we reach the 'third age', many of us aspire to use all this prospective free time (ha!) to re-energize our hobbies and perhaps get a better grasp on some of the new technologies that face us. Photography very much falls into this scenario, with modern digital cameras offering a much simpler route to high quality images than was possible in days of yore – whilst also setting their own challenges. Hence it is no surprise that U3As generally include a group whose aim is to encourage those who wish to improve their photography skills. From "How do I...?" to exploring the world beyond 'intelligent auto', there is likely to be someone within the group that can provide the answer.

We will almost certainly all have used cameras throughout our lives – and will have boxes and albums of photos and negatives to prove it. More recently, we will probably all have moved to the digital alternative and come to realize the whole new world that it brings. Being able to take a photo and see it straight away – and take it again if necessary – is now taken for granted. But there is so much more that the digital age has brought to the photographic options we have. Not only can we see the image when we take it on our camera, cameraphone or tablet, we can re-take it to our heart's desire until we get it right (if time permits), save it to a computer, show it on TV, wifi it anywhere in the world, make prints or create our own 'photobooks' and personalized products. Wow!

## Digital Photography Group

The Ramsey and District U3A Digital Photography Group's monthly meetings allow us to enjoy our cameras and develop our photographic interests and knowledge in a practical way, regardless of the type of camera, from point-and-shoot compacts to DSLR. As well as learning how to capitalize on our camera's capabilities and take advantage of their continuous evolution, we encourage artistic and compositional development that takes photography beyond 'happy snaps'. We also explore the downloading, editing and publishing possibilities for our masterpieces, which definitely expands our technology skills and increases our 'street cred' with the grandchildren! Hence our monthly meetings alternate between discussion sessions and practical photo shoots at nearby locations. As proof of our pudding we have put on displays at our U3A's main meetings and events, participated in the U3A region's annual Photography Study Days and we provide the covers for 'Aspire', the Ramsey and District U3A quarterly magazine, examples of which appear in the accompanying photo.

Photography is subjective, with images

appealing to individuals in very different ways. With this in mind, we haven't gone down the 'camera club regular competition' route, preferring instead to view and comment on each other's efforts, usually on a themed basis, examples being reflections, flora, close-up and motion. However, there is no doubt that we have learned from each other and will continue to do so – in a very convivial way! (Our photo shoots invariably involve food and drink!)

The group is currently fully subscribed, but if you would like to join the short waiting list to become part of this friendly group of budding paparazzi, please contact the group leader via the Ramsey & District U3A website. [www.ramseyu3a.org.uk](http://www.ramseyu3a.org.uk)



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## Realisation...

Sometimes, everything you once wanted no longer becomes what you need. Since I was around ten years old, going to university was

something I was set on. Now? I've realised it isn't for me, but most importantly that that's okay. From a young age, we're expected to have our lives figured out yet we're still growing and what might be right for us at one age may not be right for us at another.

So, I've quit university. I'm looking to go travelling next year and even possibly do a working visa in Australia for a little while. Why? Because I'll regret it if I don't. Some may say it's a foolish decision and that I'm giving up career prospects, however isn't the whole meaning of life to live? Just something for you to ponder on. The biggest regrets in life are formed from the things we didn't do... Whilst I'm at a bit of a loose end so to speak, I'm looking to help the community by doing some voluntary work. If you need any help please feel free to contact me on kiraa.louisee@icloud.com.

## Words of advice on this matter

Don't let the fear of an uncertain future worry you into making decisions which affect your present happiness.

## India beckons to Josh

Local Ramsey resident Joshua Jenkins is fundraising for a once in a lifetime volunteering role in India with the International Citizen Service.

"What made me apply for it was that I saw an advert on the radio at work, and it was something I would want to do", says Josh, who is hoping to ship out to India this year. He has been hard at work ever since winning a place on the scheme through interview, doing bag packs, odd jobs and anything else he can. Speaking of why he wanted to take part in the programme, Josh was motivated by his current work within the community. As Josh says, "The scheme is to help communities in need, and it is quite similar to the work I am doing here in Ramsey anyway"

The province Josh is headed for, Tamil Nadu, is one of the richest in India, but still has its fair share of social problems. It is also home to one of the longest surviving classical language in the world, Tamil, although Josh will probably not have to learn too much!

The ICS, which is funded by the UK government, offers a programme for 18-25yr olds that brings together young people from the UK and developing countries to volunteer in some of the poorest communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America. UK volunteers work side-by-side with local volunteers in developing countries, staying with host families in the local community.

ICS isn't a holiday. It's demanding but hugely rewarding. It's a great opportunity for personal development, a stepping stone to future careers and a chance to make your world a better place. The programme is led by VSO in partnership with a hand-picked group of respected development organisations, which each offer structured support and training to help and guide volunteers before, during



and after their overseas placement.

Josh is currently fundraising via just giving in order to facilitate his trip. "I need to raise £800", says Josh on his page, "The money raised will go towards supporting the work of Restless Development and their ICS partner organisations, enabling ICS to continue sending youth volunteers to the developing world to make a lasting difference in disadvantaged communities."

Josh has currently raised around £100 towards his total, and needs as much help as possible. As his site suggests: "Any contribution from you will make a real difference to the lives of people in developing countries, so please dig deep, and thanks for your support!"

To find out more and follow Josh's journey, go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JoshuaJenkins>



## RAMSEY WALLED GARDEN RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### Roasted vegetable couscous salad

This salad is delicious and for the meat eaters amongst you, you will not miss the meat at all. This can be served with a spicy harissa style dressing or just with a plain oil and vinegar dressing.

Serves 4 as a main course or 8 as a starter

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#### For the roast vegetables:

1lb (450gm) cherry tomatoes  
1 small aubergine diced  
2 courgettes diced  
1 small red pepper cut into 1 cm (1/2 inch) dice  
1 small yellow pepper cut into 1 cm (1/2 inch) dice  
1 onion sliced  
2 cloves of garlic crushed  
3 tbs olive oil

#### For the couscous:

10 oz (275gm) couscous  
18 fl oz (500ml) stock  
4 oz goats cheese or feta cheese  
Salt and pepper

1 packet of mixed salad leaves

#### Dressing:

3 tbs olive oil  
½ tsp cayenne or chilli pepper (optional)  
2 tbs ground cumin (optional)  
2 heaped tbs tomato puree  
4 tbs lime juice (or lemon juice)

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 7 or 220 oC. Arrange all the vegetables with the olive oil in a roasting tray. Sprinkle with the garlic and season with salt and pepper. Roast in the oven for 35-45 mins or until the vegetables are browned at the edges.

2. Place the couscous in a bowl and pour over the boiling stock. Add some salt and pepper and stir with a fork making sure the grains are separate. Leave for 5 minutes.

3. Cut the cheese into 1 cm (1/2 inch) dice.

4. Make dressing by whisking all the ingredients in a bowl.

5. To assemble the salad, place the couscous in a large wide bowl and fork in the cheese. Add the roast vegetables and then place the salad leaves on the top. Pour over a little of the dressing and serve the rest of the dressing separately.

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Plenty of live music! There is an excellent and varied line up of live music, including Sing Baby Sing's tribute to The Stylistics (Saturday 11th June), the brilliant tribute Wrong Stewart & The Farces (Saturday 25th June), acclaimed tenor Daniel Koek with his bringing him home with his West End story tour (Friday 15th July), 60's icons

Gerry and the Pacemakers: Gerry Cross The Mersey (Thursday 18th August), The Bootleg Sixties (Wednesday 7th September) and Les McKeown's Bay City Rollers (Thursday 29th September).

More shows for children! They don't just cater for the adults as they've managed to secure some very well-known children's shows live on stage. LazyTown (Wednesday 17th August) appears regularly on Channel 5, Milkshake, Cartoon Network and Boomerang. Plus, last year's Christmas animation and delightful adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's hugely popular children's book Stick Man (Friday 30th September - tickets available for 1.30pm show / the 4.30pm show is already SOLD OUT).

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### How's it going?

Prototype driverless cars are already being tested in four British cities, including Bristol, Milton Keynes and Coventry, while plans are in the works for an autonomous shuttle to ferry visitors around the North Greenwich Plaza, which lies alongside the O2 arena. Even Uber is getting in on the act, announcing last year a project to develop its own autonomous vehicles. In short, it's no wonder the government wanted to get in on this.

### So why go to all the trouble?

The motive is surely a financial one. Vince Cable was quoted in The Guardian in February as saying that the driverless car industry could bring Britain to the forefront of a potential a £900 billion industry, while providing highly-skilled jobs for UK residents. However, there is something to be said for the innovation, the constant demand for advancement that is a staple of the human condition. We had to go to the moon. We had to fly faster than the speed of sound. That's what is behind all this, a need to make life just a little simpler. It's just got to get very, very complex first.

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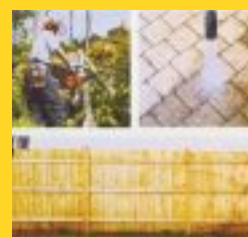
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BY SAM THE PHYSIO

One of the higher profile issues to have emerged in Sports Medicine over the last couple of years is the management of concussion injuries. With the controversy surrounding the NFL cover up, and high profile incidents of Premier League footballers continuing to play despite showing signs of brain injury, campaigns have sprouted up to educate on the signs and symptoms of concussion injuries and to improve safety, particularly in children's sport.

Concussion is caused by the movement and impact of the brain within the skull and can occur as a result of direct trauma to the head, or from a whiplash type mechanism. As it is an internal injury, concussion has none of the classic physical signs of injury; instead

diagnosis is largely based on how the patient feels. The most common signs to look out for are constant headaches, dizziness, nausea, unsteadiness/ poor balance and confusion. In more severe cases there may be fluid from the nose or ears, loss of consciousness or fits. In these instances, it's important to seek medical attention as soon as possible.

The immediate management of a suspected concussion is not too complicated, although the symptoms can be quite scary for the patient and the first aider. For minor symptoms such as dizziness and nausea it is a simple case of monitoring for any signs of deterioration and ensuring that the patient is supervised for at least twenty-four hours after injury. If symptoms persist over this period it would be advisable to seek medical attention. In a sporting context official guidelines state that players should be immediately removed from play and there should be no return to contact sports within three weeks unless given medical clearance. In terms of more serious symptoms presenting, such as loss of consciousness, vomiting or fitting, it is important to get the patient to hospital. This would also be the case if there were a severe headache that is not improved by painkillers. When it comes to pain relief, use of aspirin, ibuprofen or anything else with anti-inflammatory

# Concussions and Head Injuries

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properties should be prohibited, as these can mask signs of more serious brain injuries. While concussion is predominantly an acute injury, it can have ongoing complications, hence the three-week layoff recommended in the guidelines. Post-Concussion Syndrome is a condition that can last for many weeks following an initial injury. It tends to present with prolonged concussion symptoms of dizziness, drowsiness and nausea that are exacerbated by exercise. These symptoms need to have fully abated before any return to sport can be considered as the brain is more vulnerable to serious

injury during Post-Concussion Syndrome. One of the reasons that these incidents need to be treated so sensitively is the recent evidence that links repeated head trauma to an increase risk of brain disorders later in life. These disorders may be neurological and psychological in nature with some of the most commonly cited disorders including Alzheimer's and depression. Although I write predominantly from a sporting context, I feel that this is important knowledge to have in general life, and that careful management of concussion injuries is vital in any context.

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## SPORT



## Tour of Cambridge cyclists to circle Ramsey

The time trial is part of the UCI's World Cycling Tour (UWCT), one of 15 qualifier events that will see the top 25 per cent of finishers qualifying to take part on the amateur world championships in Denmark. However, of more concern to onlookers and motorists will be the longer race on Sunday June 7th. The long distance race, known as a gran fondo, comprises an 81 mile track which weaves through many Cambridgeshire villages including Benwick, Upwood and Ramsey St Mary's, starting and finishing at the East of England Showground in Peterborough.

Riders competing to qualify for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships must compete over the long route. An option to participate over a shorter route of 58.2 miles is also available for Leisure riders. The Gran Fondo will have medical support from a fleet of ambulances located around the route, a fleet of Moto Paramedics patrolling all sections of the route, a fleet of motorcycle Police to provide additional security, a fleet of lead cars with Commissaires, the National Escort Group and a fleet of motor cycle based photographers. The Gran Fondo routes also have direction signage and at critical junctions Race Stewards as well as Traffic

management professionals. An emergency telephone number will be provided for the ToC HQ Control Room in the event that a Rider needs urgent attention to allow the emergency services to prioritise the medical resources.

The route will have consequences for city and town communities in the region. The major roads in the East region will be busier than normal at the weekend, with high numbers of additional travelling spectators and diverted commuter and commercial traffic. Highways England Emergency Planning Manager for the East of England, Nigel Allsopp, said:

We're reminding road users to plan ahead for the Tour of Cambridgeshire. While there is minimal impact on our major roads in the region, drivers should be aware that on the Sunday (7 June) the A15 at junction 16 of the A1M will be closed from 1pm to 8pm. This means there will be no access to Peterborough from this junction on that day. Our aim is to keep the Highways England network running whilst keeping road users safe and informed. There may be a need for further closures on the day to prevent traffic from stacking on the county roads but we will closely monitor this situation.



Pictured: (Left to Right) Simon Mead, Michelle Brett and Darren Paine celebrate after the London Marathon

## MEADS MARVELLOUS MARATHON

**Five Ramsey Road Runners took to the streets of London on April 24th with Simon Mead leading the team home in a fantastic 2 Hours 44 Minutes and 17 Seconds.**

Simon was delighted after the race saying: "The race went perfectly. The conditions were good for the runners as it was cool and overcast. I tried to keep a consistent pace and was so happy to beat my personal best by over four minutes." Simon will only get a few weeks rest though as he will be tackling the Edinburgh Marathon this month as well as club mate Caroline Tiller who is making her debut at the distance.

### London Marathon

Next home at London was Darren Paine who impressively ran the second half quicker than the first in a superb 2:55:40. Michelle Brett ran her 8th London Marathon in 3:24:04 followed by Steve Burton in 3:26:51 in his final marathon appearance. Each year the running club is awarded one place for

the London Marathon and the draw was won by Neil Hewson who completed his first marathon in a brilliant 3:29:55. Neil said: "The last 4 miles took me to places physically and mentally I have never been before. I was thinking this may be my one and only marathon, but after experiencing the crowd and the feeling of accomplishment afterwards I am already looking at my next one!"

You can read all about Neil's experience in detail at [www.ramseyroadrunners.org.uk/blog](http://www.ramseyroadrunners.org.uk/blog). London wasn't the only place for marathon running in April; Rob White travelled up to Manchester and finished in an excellent time of 3:27:24.

Don't forget entry for the Abbey 10k and Fun Run is now open. The event takes place on Sunday 26th June. For more information and details on how to enter, go to [www.ramseyroadrunners.org.uk/abbey10k](http://www.ramseyroadrunners.org.uk/abbey10k).



## Charity cyclist in gran fondo

Ramsey cyclist Andy Molloy is participating in the upcoming Tour of Cambridgeshire Gran Fondo 80 mile closed-road cycling event on Sunday 5th June 2016. Andy has entered the 'Race' category so please look out for him in classic Ramsey sporting colours and cheer him on. Andy has been training since the start of the year with 'Ramsey Cycling' who ride on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. This event is part of Andy's training for his epic 24 hour, 310 mile, Newcastle to London ride on the weekend 20th-21st August

2016. Andy is raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support and if you would like to sponsor him please visit [www.justgiving.com/AndyMolloyRide24Hour](http://www.justgiving.com/AndyMolloyRide24Hour) or text 'NTOL81 £5' to 70070.







## SPORT



# Beverley gets Benwick Tang Soo Do kicking for children's charity

Benwick Tang Soo Do is a Korean style martial arts club who train in Benwick Village Hall every Monday between 7pm – 8pm and Wednesdays from 7pm until 9pm. Established for three and a half years, they attract students of all ages and abilities.

Instructor Beverley Angel is a second Dan, Black Belt and has been training for over 15 years.

Beverley's daughter Sarah is also a second Dan, Black Belt currently studying for an Engineering degree at Nottingham University and following a visit to the Rainbows Children's Hospice she was inspired to take part in a sponsored charity sky dive which takes place on 4th June.

## Challenged

Sarah has often helped out at the club in Benwick so in support of her and her chosen charity Beverley challenged the Benwick students to perform 5,000 kicks during their class on Wednesday 4th May and pledged the student training fees from that evening.

"The students rose to the challenge, kicking up and down the village hall and then using kicking pads to reach their goal," Beverley said, "The score was kept by our youngest member William Barham aged 8, and as agreed the evenings fees were donated to the charity," she went on to say.

"The students have previously done a sponsored kicking night for a different cancer charity. However they completed this one with such ease and determination that

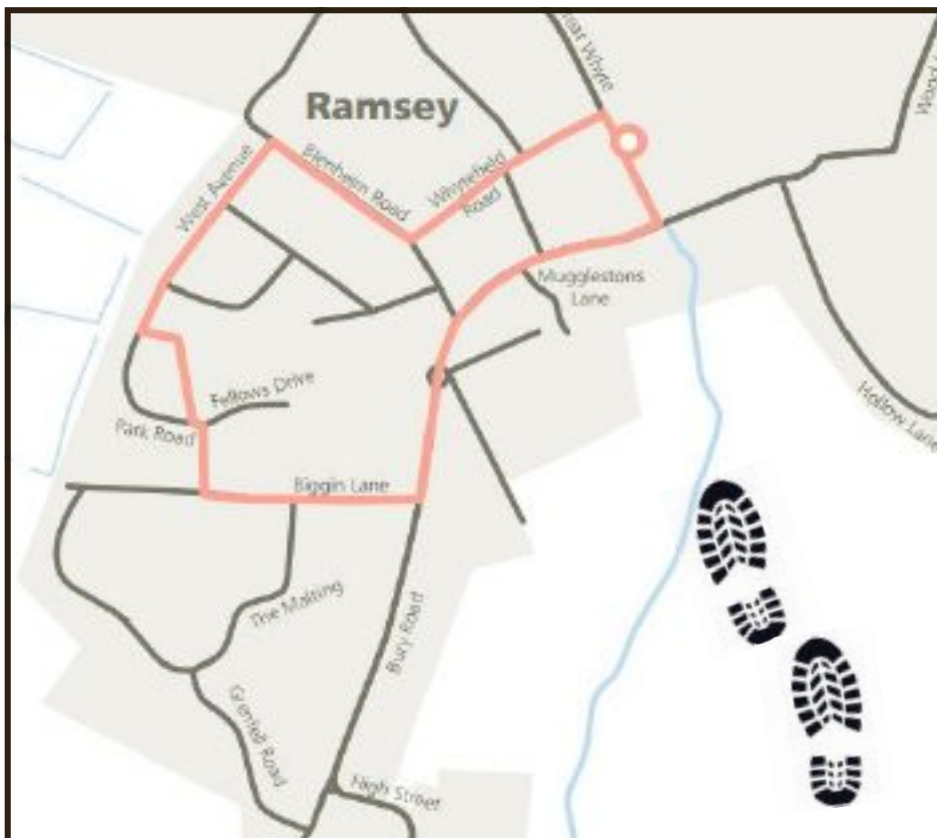


I will have to consider increasing the target next time, May be 10,000," said Beverley.

## Benwick Village Hall Tang Soo Do

Monday: 6:45 - 7:45pm

Wednesday: 7:00 – 9:00 pm



## MONTHLY RAMBLE

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1. Cross the road using the pedestrian crossing.
2. Turn left and head towards the High Street, turning right at the corner.
3. Head along the High Street using the drop kerbs to cross School Lane and Blenheim Road.
4. Turn right into Biggin Lane, cross over then continue using the drop kerb to cross 'The Maltings'. Be warned, you must be careful as the bend is a little blind so head around the corner slightly.)
5. Cross the road when you reach Park Road following the road to the left bend. Cross over so that you walk down Queens Walk (the path beside the park) Look out at blind bend.
6. Turn left at the end of Queens Walk, heading down the alley.
7. At the clearing turn right down Park Road using the drop kerbs to cross at Sergeants close, West Avenue, Charles Close and a third close with no name.
8. When you reach the t junction, turn right heading towards the Police Station. Cross over when safe.
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## INTERNATIONAL DUTY FOR LOCAL MAN STEVE



Ramsey's Steve Lovell made his first foray overseas to represent Great Britain at minigolf's Nations Cup in Vizela, Portugal. Teaming up with Harlow's Adrian Amey and Worthing's Paul Preston, Steve battled hard on completely new surfaces and challenging weather conditions to finish in 42nd place.

Although disappointed with his performance, Steve enjoyed the experience of playing for his country. "It was a lot to undertake in two days of practice. We had to try and learn two new courses, one on concrete and the other on a type of

Pictures: L-R Paul Preston, Adrian Amey, Steve Lovell (credit Vizelgolfe)

plasterboard. They were lightning quick and very unforgiving. Of all the nations that took part, Great Britain were the only ones to have paid their own way to get to the event as everyone else was sponsored by their national sports federations or government." Steve continued, "All three of us will never forget the welcome and hospitality we received from everyone there and other competitors. It was amazing."

A week earlier, Lovell had taken part in the British Championships at Wroxham Barns, taking tenth place. The next event is the prestigious World Crazy Golf Championships at Hastings.

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